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DEAN and MRS. U. G. DUBACH of Oregon State College, Corvallis, Oregon, U.S.A. spent two weeks visiting mission stations from Singapore to Penang. Dean Dubach brought a very fine message to the Wesley Church vesper service, Tuesday evening, June 16th, speaking on student conditions in American colleges. He visited the Religious Education Conference in Kuala Lumpur and brought a word of greeting at the first session Saturday morning, June 20th. Dean Dubach visited with his old pupils, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bell of Ipoh.

MISS E. STELLA CASS has been appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to educational missionary work in Callao, Peru. She may be addressed care of Methodist Mission, Callao, Peru. Miss Cass while on furlough attended a short course given for missionaries by Cornell University under the auspices of the Agricultural Missions Foundation. She also spent several weeks with the young people in their League Institutes and Conferences. She writes "They have all become very much interested in our Malayan missionary work. It is most heartening to find such a large number of busy professors willing to give their time and themselves in the interest of brotherhood and world friendship, especially to the people of the Orient. The collection of Malayan insects that I brought home has been of great interest to the professors. This is the first collection they have had from Malaya. There are a few rare specimens in this collection which they had never heard of before."

MR. D. H. YAP has been employing his furlough time in a rather novel way by acting as Chief Instructor in English, Deputy Instructor in German and Lecturer in English on International Relations at the Nanking Military Academy, Army Officers Training School, Nanking, China. Mr. Yap plans to leave Shanghai for Singapore July 21st by the s.s. "Ranchi".

MRS. A. H. PRUSSNER and daughter, *Dorothy*, of Palembang, Sumatra, spent five days in Singapore from June 29th to July 3rd, on their way from Palembang to Medan, visiting with missionary friends. The Prussners are spending the month of July vacationing at Brastagi.

DR. M. DODSWORTH and MR. F. TIPSON of the British and Foreign Bible Society, returned to Singapore June 29th from Sibu, Sarawak by the s.s. "Kampar". Dr. Dodsworth left by the Straits boat the same afternoon for Penang. Messrs. Dodsworth and Tipson served as instructors for the Methodist Pastor's Institute recently held in Sibu.

MISS HELEN H. MONTGOMERY of the American Mission College, Cairo, Egypt, is stopping in Singapore between boats July 3-7th visiting with missionary friends. She sails July 7th by the s.s. "Sauerland" for furlough to America.

MISS M. A. HINCKLEY of Seattle, Washington, has joined the teaching staff of the Methodist Girls' Afternoon School, Singapore. Her address is Y.W.C.A. Hostel, Fort Canning Road, Singapore.

MRS. VIRGINIA KRIEKENBEEK has been appointed editor of the Wesley Church Tidings, a new church magazine of Wesley Church, Singapore. The first issue of the magazine appearing July 1st, 8 pages, was well edited and very attractive in appearance. The plan is to publish the magazine twice a month. We extend our best wishes to this new venture in Malayan church journalism.

MISS LYDIA URECH who has been spending a year of furlough in Switzerland and the Continent sails from Marseilles July 10th by the s.s. "Rajputana" for Singapore. She will be arriving in Singapore July 31st.

MR. EUGENE McGRAW, new missionary appointee from America, arrived in Singapore July 9th on the s.s. "Saparoea" Dutch Line from San Francisco. Mr. McGraw holds the degrees of B.A. (Oberlin) and B.D. (Oberlin Graduate School of Theology). He has served for one year as pastor of the Methodist Church at Mount Comfort, Indiana of the Northwest Indiana Conference. It is proposed to have Mr. McGraw temporarily located at either Kuala Lumpur or Klang, where he will join the teaching staff.

MISS DESSIE WIBLE of U.S.A. is due to arrive in Singapore July 29th on the s.s. "Ranchi". It is proposed to have her join the regular teaching staff at the Methodist Girls' School, Singapore, after the August holidays.

MISS GAN SIOK NEO was married to MR. FOO VOON SIN on Saturday, June 6th, at the Straits Chinese Methodist Church, Kampong Kapor Road, Singapore. The Rev. Goh Hood Keng presided at the ceremony.

THE REV. & MRS. CHARLES H. ARCHIBALD of the Bengal Conference stopped in Singapore between boats July 1st to 3rd on their way home to America. They were accompanied by their son HAROLD LEE. They sailed on the s.s. "Santhia" July 3rd for Hongkong.

A Recent Letter From Mrs. Horley

2 Alyth Gardens
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The following is quoted from a letter from Mrs. Horley to Mr. H. E. Bunn:

You will rejoice to hear that Eric has been made manager of the Bristol branch of the Abbey Road Building Society. He is the youngest manager in London's largest Building Society. Isn't that fine? His father would have been proud of him.

Evelyn is also doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Hinch and Kathleen were here with us for the last week end. Mr. Hinch looks remarkably well. Madeline has been in hospital for an operation. Poor little girl, she has not had a very healthy time since leaving Malaya but she has a kind husband and two dear babies.

I am just back from taking my Bible Class.

Sincerely,
ADA E. HORLEY.

Port Swettenham

As a result of several Prayer Meetings held in the houses of the Christians the Rev. L. A. Samuel, pastor of the Tamil Methodist Church, Port Swettenham, has organized a new congregation of 17 persons at the Railway Quarters, Port Swettenham. Several new members have been added to the church. Mr. S. Ponniah, Chargeman of the Locomotive Department, Railways has assisted in the work. Earnest thought and honest endeavour needs to be given as good seed to this fruitful field. Working people who are locked out of church six days a week are not apt to worship God on Sunday. This step by the Rev. Samuel has been the first practical step for saving the men who are working on the Railways.

C. S. BENJAMIN.
Secretary, Board of Stewards.

MR. YAP TUH YING of Palembang, Sumatra, and MISS LIM BOEY GEK of Singapore were united in marriage at the Straits Chinese Methodist Church, Kampong Kapor, Singapore, Thursday afternoon, July 2nd. The Rev. Goh Hood Keng officiated at the ceremony. The reception was held in the Church Hall and compound following the wedding. A very large group of Singapore friends were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Yap sailed for Java on the "Op ten Noort" Friday afternoon July 2nd for a month's holiday. They return to Palembang August 1st where they are planning to make their home.

We regret to announce the death of PENIEL ARPUTHAM, wife of the REV. Y. J. S. JESUDASON, retired minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Tanjore, India, April 29th. She was 56 years of age. She leaves one son, four daughters and nine grandchildren, beside her husband, to mourn her loss. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family in their bereavement. The Rev. Mr. Jesudason's address is 950 Mission Street, Tanjore, So. India.

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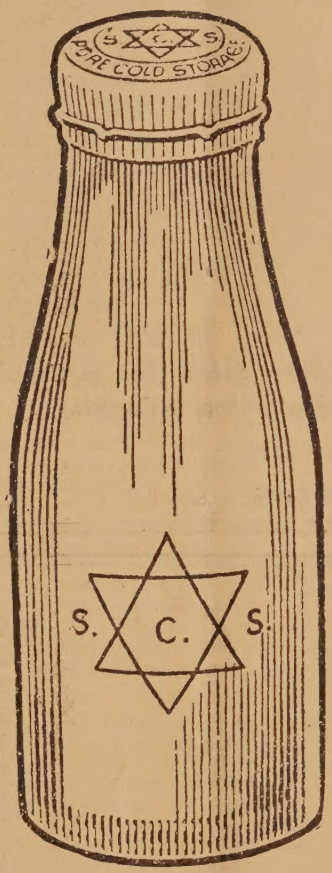

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1936 GENERAL CONFERENCE

By Hobart B. Amstutz.

The 1936 General Conference is already history. Now it remains for us to go through the story of the happenings at Columbus and pick up a thread here and there in order to see what took place. First of all go with me to Columbus, Ohio, the capital and also one of the fairest cities of that state. It is located almost in the centre of the State and geograpically speaking, is in the centre of America's Methodism. There you will also find the great Ohio State University famed throughout the world for its agricultural departments. It is a city noted not so much for manufacture and business, as for its lovely homes and broad and pleasant streets. No happier choice could have been made for the sessions of the General Conference.

The Methodist Church is so organized that once in 4 years ministerial and lay delegates from every annual conference in the world meet together in legislative assembly. This conference is the governing body of the church. It elects its bishops; alters, revises and enlarges its book of law, the Discipline; it investigates and controls the Methodist Book Concern (one of the largest business of its kind in the world); it elects the editors of its church papers and also the secretaries of its various Boards, such as Foreign and Home Missions, Pensions & Relief, etc; it decides how the Church shall be divided into various areas and who shall have episcopal supervision over each area; it makes pronouncements on great problems facing the world so that Methodism in general may be guided in its thinking.

The sessions are always held in the month of May. This year they were the shortest of any in many decades, lasting exactly 19 days. When one realizes the tremendous cost to the church at large not only in travel expense but in the expense of rental of auditoriums and other accomodation one can readily understand why the 1936 Programme Committee were determined to cut down the length of time usually taken.

The General Conference was opened by the senior Bishop John L. Nuelsen on Friday May 1st at 10 o'clock. Following the Communion Service the organization of the conference took place. Readers of the Daily Christian Advocate, which is the journal giving the entire report of what takes place, may wonder why so much time is given during the first week to fraternal addresses from other Methodist bodies and other churches. The reason is that the General Conference immediately divides itself into 12 great Standing Committees to which all the memorials sent by the various conferences are given. These Committees begin their sessions on the first afternoon and then work very hard afternoon and night in order to be able to present their reports on the floor of the conference as soon as possible. Until these reports are in there is little that the General Conference can do.

Imagine, if you can, the immense auditorium in which the conference met. On the great platform behind the speaker's rostrum were the chairs for the entire Board of Bishops. Immediately in front of the platform were the tables for the press, the staff of our various church papers and other agents of publicity. Then in the three large groups, consisting of 21 rows each, 10 seats to a row, were the seats for the delegates. The Malaya delegates this year were seated in the left section in rows 17 and 18; (the 1932 delegates were more fortunate in being seated in the 3rd and 4th rows). Each delegate upon registering received a beautiful badge which was divided into three parts: the upper one being a panel into which was inserted a card bearing the name of the delegate and his conference; the middle section, a silk ribbon the colour of which showed to which group the bearer belonged; and the third part, a medallion of bronze with the potrait of Bishop Simpson. The Bishops' colour was purple and that of the delegates blue and white; eight other varieties of colour identified the remainder of the Conference.

Each morning the Conference was opened by a devotional service led in each case by a different bishop. Interspersed through the various sessions were items of music presented by the very best soloists and choirs from various places throughout the United States. These devotional services must have done much to guide and lead the 566 delegates who were present. On the three Sundays during the session of the Conference the Bishops and others were invited to speak in churches in the city and throughout the state. Thus we note that Bishop Lee was busy during each Sunday of the Conference. We were very proud to note that in the list of memorials received by the secretary of the General Con-

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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OUR NEW MALAYSIA MESSAGE

With the new issue of the Malaysia Message before us, we believe that our magazine now enters a new era of prosperity and usefulness. The possibilities which a new coloured cover open up are endless. We see the prospect of teachers using the Malaysia Message much more widely in our Mission schools than they have done hitherto. These designs in colour are ideally suited as material for religious purposes in the lower standards. Because the subjects chosen are to be selected from the various racial and cultural types of our Malaysian background the designs will also be admirably adapted as supplementary material for geography and art classes. As Mr. Jackson interprets Malaysia to us each month through the medium of his colour-brush, we should be led to see new values in our common everyday experiences. Through the eyes of the artist we should be able to look out upon our "Malaysia Mosaic" with an increased sympathy and understanding.

Is it not also possible that friends in foreign countries may learn through the Malaysia Message to come to a new appreciation of this tropical garden and its charmingly variegated life? As art and religion are linked by a thousand ties, we think it particularly appropriate that a religious journal should appear with an artistic cover. Men's faculties must express themselves by art and this is particularly true of the religious faculty. It has been said by poets that "all nature is but art" and "that art is truth" and "that truth is God". Certainly in the developing brotherhood of nations art has a great function to play in breaking down the barriers of prejudice, in enlarging human sympathies and in training human affections.

We are truly grateful to Mr. C. G. Jackson fo proposing this new venture and for initiating th project with such a delightful and suitable study.

GENERAL CONFERENCE APPROVES PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We most earnestly approve and commend th following personal and social objectives for th enlistment of our Methodist youth:

I surrender my life to Jesus Christ and hi way of living, and I enlist in his service.

I believe that it is the purpose of God t establish His Kingdom upon the earth, in whic all human relationships are controlled by the la of love, and I propose to live, so far as I am able as if that Kingdom were now here.

I will faithfully observe a "quiet time" eac day for meditation and prayer.

I will regard my lifework as my share i building of God's Kingdom.

I will choose my lifework in accordance wit what I can discover to be God's will, and not fo personal gain.

I will practice restraint and self-discipline i all my personal habits.

I will keep my friendships on a high leve not conforming to lower standards, but helping t lift the standards of my group to the best that know.

I will serve Christ through the Christia Church, doing all that I can to make it the effectiv instrument that it must be if the world is to b made truly Christian.

I will oppose war and the war system an will work ceaselessly for the establishment of peace

I will treat those of all races as my equals an brothers.

I will refrain from the use of alcoholic liquo in all forms and will work to rid the world of liqu traffic.

I will give myself to the creation of econom and social conditions wherein every member society shall have opportunity to earn a livelihoo for himself and those dependent upon him an wherein every member of society shall have a suff ciency to meet his economic and cultural needs.

I will use my leisure for recreations which ar wholesome and which enrich and uplift personalit and will refrain from amusements which degra personality.

I will give of my time as far as possible t working for the building of a Christian World, i personal work, public speaking, circulating literatur

and in every possible way evangelizing for Christ.

I will give sacrificially of my earnings and substance to support the enterprises which are working to build a Christian world.

MALAYA

The largest king cobra ever captured, 18 feet in length, has been presented to the London Zoo by Mr. St. Alban Smith, the well known Malayan rubber planter of Peridan, Pontian, Johore. The average length of the king cobra is 12 feet.

A 332 pound shark was caught at Tanjong Pagar, Singapore Harbour, by the P. & O. crew of the s.s. "Chitral" June 4th, after a struggle of twenty minutes. We wonder whether this news will have any effect on the Malay seamen who dive for coins when passenger boats come into the harbour.

CO-OPERATIVES

Geneva (NNS).—Consumers co-operatives are making steady progress regardless of (or because of?) economic and social conditions. In Bulgaria and England the co-operatives are the most important single business in the country. In the Scandinavian countries the co-operative idea has always been powerful. Now these consumer organizations are making headway elsewhere also.

Reports for 1935 indicate that co-operatives, while still insignificant in the United States, made such progress in the last year that they caused alarm in certain business groups.

In Egypt there are 676 co-operative organizations with a total membership close to 65,000. In China there are 14,649 rural co-operatives with 557,531 members. In 1933 there were 5,335 societies with 184,578 members—a remarkable growth.

A RECENT GOOD BOOK

THE KING'S GRACE by John Buchan which deals with the reign of King George V is not a mere chronological listing of events but a very fine interpretation of the events which have made history since 1900 and a splendid appreciation of the man who as King in a very large sense stood for the British Empire. We see King George V as a very human being, a real political force and the highest embodiment of the democratic govenment which prevails in the British Empire. Historically accurate and penetratingly philosophical it is written in a pleasant style which makes it easy reading. Written in commemoration of the great King's Silver Jubilee it is of even greater importance now that King George has joined the ranks of history.

A YEAR WITH THE BIBLE

July—Part IV. Readings from the Book of the Acts.

1.	The Ascension	Acts 1: 1—11
2.	Pentecost	Acts 2: 1—13
3.	The First Christian Sermon	Acts 2:14—42
4.	Witnessing	Acts 4: 1—22
5.	The Place of Prayer	Acts 4:23—31
6.	Christian Communism	Acts 4:32 to 5:11
7.	Organization	Acts 6: 1— 7
8.	The First Martyr	Acts 7:54 to 8:1
9.	Philip the Evangelist	Acts 8:26—40
10.	Conversion of Saul	Acts 9: 1—22
11.	Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10: 1—23a
12.	The Way of Salvation	Acts 10:23b—48
13.	Peter Imprisoned	Acts 12: 1—19
14.	Foreign Missions	Acts 13: 1—15
15.	Missionary Experiences	Acts 14: 8—28
16.	Imprisonment	Acts 16:19—34
17.	"The World Upside Down"	Acts 17: 1—15
18.	Paul at Athens	Acts 17:16—34
19.	Friends in Corinth	Acts 18: 1—11
20.	Before Gallio	Acts 18:12—21
21.	Trouble at Ephesus	Acts 19:23—41
22.	Paul at Miletus	Acts 20:17—38
23.	Mobbed in the Temple	Acts 21:27—40
24.	Before the Sanhedrin	Acts 23: 1—11
25.	Paul before Felix	Acts 24: 1—21
26.	"A Convenient Season"	Acts 24:22—27
27.	"The Heavenly Vision"	Acts 26: 1—18
28.	The Defence of Paul	Acts 26:19—32
29.	Paul Sails for Italy	Acts 27: 1— 8
30.	Shipwreck	Acts 27:27—44
31.	Paul in Rome	Acts 28:16—31

August—Part V. Readings from the Six "Books of Poetry.

1.	Benefits of Chastisement	Job 5:17—27
2.	Finding God	Job 11: 7—20
3.	Wisdom of Treasure	Job 28:12—28
4.	Jehovah's Challenge	Job 40: 6—24
5.	Job's Confession	Job 42: 1—10
6.	Evening Prayer	Psalm 4
7.	Uncertainty of Riches	Psalm 49
8.	Supplication and Trust	Psalm 86
9.	Forgiving Love	Psalm 130
10.	A Prayer for Help	Psalm 142

CORRESPONDENCE

Sunny Sumatrans in Snowy Indiana

20, February 1936.

Dear Editor,

As you perhaps know, we arrived in New York on the 23rd June last year. We had a very delightful though direct trip. We did not go by way of Holland as we had planned to do but via Gibraltar and London. We spent most profitable days in and about the latter city. Our estimation of the British people and their government and culture went up tremendously as a result of that stop-over, waiting for s.s. "Statendam".

We sailed per Holland boats all the way from Belawan to New York. How we did enjoy the accommodations and folks on those boats, even though third class all the way. I think I spoke more Dutch or at least jabbered away at it (even till late into the nights) than I did all six years in Sumatra.

We have a 450 foot movie film of our trip all the way which means much to us and is enjoyed by all who see it. We consider that a gift from our English congregation in Medan. It includes pictures of the 4 or 5 bus loads of folks who waved us off at Belawan.

Just now I am attending a two-day Indiana Methodist Seminar on "The Church in Social Ideas and Practices" at Indianapolis. We live only 50 or 60 miles west of Indianapolis.

It was so hard to give up the opportunity to return to Sumatra and forego the quarter at least at the University of Chicago where we were settled and just on the verge of enrolling when a call came to take charge at Waveland and New Market. But how we enjoy the folks also and the old fashioned winter at these places! Say but it has been cold and still is cold! Folks back in Sumatra can't begin to realize how cold it is here. How our girls enjoy this snow!

I am reading your book "Things That Are Caesar's". It has helped to clarify a number of things for me already. Fascism in our Indiana strikes nearby and in certain states where loyalty oaths are required is in evidence a plenty in U.S.A.

We have missed the Malaysia Message since we left Sumatra in May. We have only the October, November and December copies also January, I believe. The last copy was sent to us at Waveland. We hope we can secure the missing copies. We are anxious to hear about our Cambridge folks and progress of things Christian.

Fraternally yours,

NEWTON GOTTSCHALL.

Waveland, Ind.

9, May 1936.

Dear Editor,

Herewith money order to pay for the Malaysia Message. We just can't get along without its monthly visits.

One suggestion I would make is that for those of us who are at home a list of appointments—at least of the missionaries—after conference each year would be a great help in knowing where workers are. To list only changes is not sufficient for we can not keep in mind from year to year where each is located. Not having the Conference Minutes we have to depend on the Message.

Though away from Malaya for nearly sixteen years, Mrs. Little and I still have our hearts there.

Sincerely,

GUY H. LITTLE.

214 N. Wetherly Dr.
Beverly Hills, Calif.

From The Hawley's in Florida

Dear Editor,

The label on our "Message" reminds me that our subscription thereto is long over due. Please accept our apologies and renewal subscription enclosed herewith.

We were greatly delighted last month with a brief visit from Brother and Mrs. Peat. If any of our other Malaya friends ever come to Florida, will you please see that our address, as below, along with a very cordial welcome, is stuck into their wallet?

The past winter in Florida has been the worst in forty years, but in other parts of U.S.A. it has been the worst on record; so we are glad that we have been working on our house all winter, and have it now about finished, except painting. This week I am starting to build the garage.

I have kept fairly well all winter; the old headaches still bother some, and my eyes are not so good as they were a year ago; still I have much to be grateful for. Mrs. Hawley very recently picked up an erysipelas germ, resulting in a virulent attack in her left arm and hand. After the third day we took her to hospital for serum treatment, to which she responded quickly and favourably. She is now sitting up in an easy chair part of each day, and will soon get her strength back. Her arm and hand are bad, and will require some time for complete restoration.

We had hoped to make a visit to General Conference this spring to see such of the Malaya and China friends as will foregather there, but the financial crash of the Raven Trust Co. in Shanghai has swallowed a very great portion of our life-long savings, making it impractical for us to carry out many of the interesting plans we had worked out.

We rejoice with you in the good news of revivals, increased membership in the churches, and a deepening of the Christian experience of so many of these already in the churches. We read with pleasure about every word in the Message as it comes to us month by month.

With cordial greetings to everyone, and with the assurance that you are all remembered every evening at our Family Altar,

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. W. HAWLEY.

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My dear Brother Amstutz,

I was greatly pleased when Mrs. Mayhew handed me your card and the kind greeting it bore. We had not seen Mrs. Mayhew for more than 29 years. Mrs. Kramer had visited in our home twice in that time!

I am now supposed to be in the superannuate position but as you see from the address above, I am still working according to my strength. I am 73½ years old. Last summer and fall, after my superannuation I travelled through our German conferences, mostly in north Germany, and spoke 125 times on missions within three months. This year I have commenced my spring campaign as early as weather permitted. There is great interest in our churches regarding the missionary situation, and though money is scarce, our people give beyond their strength and God is blessing them richly. When at home in Frankfort I still do some teaching in our seminary (teaching Hebrew and assisting in some other disciplines) and scarcely a Sunday passes without an opportunity of preaching. I am glad that I am permitted to do so, and while the dreadful war 1914-1918 has robbed me of the possibility of ever returning to *the* field of labour that God gave me in the Far East I am glad that I can still pray for you and your work and hear so much good news of the growth and development of the work. Last night I spoke here on the jungle people (Mai-srak) of the peninsula, whose language I had learned and I rejoice that now our good Batak brethren live among them teaching and preaching. I hear about the commencement of Bible translation among them and would be glad if I could see something of what has been achieved in that line. How could I get it?

I must close. There are few people in Singapore who will remember me, but I would nevertheless send my sincere greetings to the good folks of Wesley Church.

With kind regards from my wife and myself, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

H. L. E. Lüering.

LIGHT AND LIFE

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A great menace to business integrity as well as to strong moral character is the widespread sin of gambling. It permeates all society. It is destructive of the interests of good government, breeds criminals, and is a burden upon legitimate business. It is directly responsible for broken fortunes and homes and defalcations and suicides.—*Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1932.*

All human activities may be distributed under four categories: business, charity, pleasure, crime. Business is the exchange of commodity or service for profit. Charity is the same commodity or service without profit. Pleasure is the expenditure of energy or wealth for mere gratification without regard to permanent benefit or profit. Crime is the getting of profit without the rendering of adequate service or commodity. To which class does gambling belong? When a man expends his money in a business transaction, he has either received a commodity or a service, and it is this element of mutual benefit that makes a transaction business. But when one gets into a gambling establishment, he will do one of two things: get something for nothing, or nothing for something. If he gets something for nothing, he is a thief; if he gets nothing for something, he is a fool; but he has not been engaged in a business transaction. The whole system and mania is against private honour, personal integrity, and public weal.—*The Cyclopedia of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals.*

GAMBLING AND THE INDIVIDUAL

"What is wrong with gambling?" people ask. Hasn't a person the right to take a chance if he wants to? If he desires to risk the loss of money isn't that his affair? What right have others to attempt to stop him or to abolish the means of gambling?" Such are the questions raised by people who desire to indulge in gambling. For them it is a personal matter. For the benefit of those who view gambling from a personal standpoint, we should like to submit personal considerations why one should not indulge in it. There are social reasons, also, which we shall consider at a later date.

(1) A person will be well advised to desist from, or never to start, the practice of gambling for his physical welfare. He always stands to lose, and there are very few gamblers who can afford to lose. The majority of gamblers are wage-earners who need their wages for their own needs and the needs of those dependent upon them. If he loses, as he probably will, he and those dependent upon him will be compelled to do without things which they need because of the losses of gambling, be they large or small. The hope of winning is always great with the gambler, but the ground for that hope is always very slender, as only one out of many can win. Only the wealthy can afford, from a material view only, to gamble, and they cannot long afford to do so. Many large fortunes have been lost by gambling.

(2) Morally, the gambler stands condemned. He has surrendered his conscience and all the elements of his higher nature in the sole endeavour *to get something for nothing.* From a moral point of view this is without defence. It is dishonourable and degrading for the individual. Says Professor Leslie of Boston University: "The Christian Religion has a gospel of work. It teaches us the dignity of labour. It gives us ideals of workmanship which will not bring us the sense of shame. It exalts the principle that the labourer is worthy of his hire. But the gambler is not seeking honest and reasonable returns from his investment. He is not working on the principle of rightful deserts. He is out to get something for nothing, and in order to do this, he is willing to take the risks. We must stand against this drift of the times with all that we have and are. He who takes a salary he does not honestly earn is stealing, however he may disguise it. There are few things that can be said of us as Christians that are more to the point than this: 'He earns every cent he gets.' "

(3) From the religious point of view, gambling undermines all vital religion by substituting CHANCE for God. His hopes and fears are wrapped up in his Chance. He loses from his life the personal God Who provides for our daily needs and provides happiness and contentment for those who trust Him, and puts his trust in Chance or Fortune or Luck, as he variously calls his new deity. God ceases to be in the thoughts of the gambler. His conscience dies, his heart grows cold, and no spiritual life can survive under such conditions.

Why should a person refuse to gamble? Because gambling will rob him of his material property, his manhood, and his God.

WHAT ALCOHOL DOES

"Drink has shed more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defied more innocence, blinded more eyes, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts,—blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves than any other scourge that has cursed the world."—Evangeline Booth.

WORLD HAPPENINGS

AMERICA

With the meeting of the two national conventions the American Political Campaign has now begun in earnest. Governor Landon of Kansas has been nominated by the Republican Party at their National Convention in Cleveland. His campaign slogan is "Back to Sanity". Colonel Knox of Chicago was the Republican nominee for Vice-President. The Party platform included the following principles:

An honest money and banking system.

An administration run by business men.

Foreign trade so arranged as to create an asset and not a liability.

Farm incomes to be kept balanced with industrial incomes.

No Government regimentation of business, or competition with private enterprise.

The Government must act according to laws and not according to "bureaucratic regulations."

Strict avoidance of all foreign entanglements.

At the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, amid frantic scenes, President Roosevelt was re-nominated as the candidate of his party for re-election in November. The Democratic programme announces the three inescapable obligations of a Government to its citizens: (1) protection for family and home, (2) the establishment of "a democracy of opportunity" and (3) aid for those overtaken by disaster. The Party Platform approves of Roosevelt's "good neighbour" policy and reaffirms the objectives of the Kellogg and Briand Pact for the maintainence of neutrality. The Democracts pledge themselves to work for peace, to take the profits from war and to guard against being drawn into any war by political commitments, international banking, or private trading. Although there was no direct proposal for amendment of the Constitution which has caused the New Deal so much trouble, there was a manifesto declaring that the New Deal would seek a "clari fying amendment".

President Roosevelt has made his first campaign speech attacking the "Economic Royalists" and enlisting the support of all political liberals.

China

During the month of June tension between Nanking and Canton has become so serious as to threaten civil war. Although there are still hopes that the conflict may be avoided there have been ominous troop movements, with the Kwangtung and Kwangsi military forces supporting Canton in urging a war of resistance against Japan. Although this tension may grow more serious, no important development seems likely until the Central Executive Committee meets on July 15th to decide whether or not to accept the Southwest proposals for armed anti-Japanese resistance. In the meantime General Chiang Kai-Shek is determined to maintain the Central Government's policy of unification of the country and to deal severely with violators of this policy. Such questions as war or armed resistance are to be settled only by the Central Executive Committee and not by Provincial Governments. General Chiang, with estimated forces of three hundred thousand in Fukien, Kiangsi and Hunan, has been empowered to handle the crisis at his own discretion.

Another question which has seriously concerned North China has been the smuggling of narcotics, largely by persons under Japanese jurisdiction. The Opium Advisory Committee of the League of Nations has stated that this situation represents "not only a serious menace to China but also to the world and the seriousness of the situation is partly due to the fact that the maximum penalties which can be imposed under Japanese law on traffickers of Japanese nationality have proved totally inadequate to serve as a deterrent to the present illicit traffic".

Mr. Victor Hoo in Geneva stated that four clandestine factories for narcotics were known to exist in the Japanese concession at Hankow, which produced 8 kilos daily, considerably more than sufficient for the total world's needs.

According to a special report made to the Inspector General of Maritime Customs the Japanese have reduced the customs in North China to a state of impotence . The situation is increasingly spoken of as the "Japanese smuggling scandal" in North China.

Japanese sources report that China has signed an agreement with Germany whereby $100 million (Chinese) of German munitions are to be delivered to China within the next few years.

France

The new Socialist or Popular Front Government in France, with M. Leon Blum as Premier, has made a good beginning. It has settled large labour strikes, especially of the textile and automobile workers, sixty thousand of whom were on strike in the Paris and Lille districts. It has adopted a sane policy concerning sanctions and the maintenance of the franc. It has dissolved the French Fascist organization, Croix de Feu. A forty hour week for the workers has been adopted, with the arbitration of all labour disputes between employers and employees. If this Government succeeds a great future may be opened for French democracy and political conditions on the Continent will likely become more stable, by forstalling

the possibility of another European country accepting a Fascist dictatorship.

Great Britain

A special tribunal appointed to investigate charges against Cabinet Minister J. V. Thomas found that he had made an authorized disclosure of information in connection with the Budget and that this information was used for private profit. Mr. Thomas resigned from the Cabinet and from the House of Commons but affirmed that "My conscience is clear".

Mr. Ormsby-Gore has been appointed to succeed Mr. Thomas as Colonial Secretary.

Sir Samuel Hoare, who left the Cabinet as Foreign Minister after the sensational announcement of a British-French agreement to compromise with Italy on the annexation of Abyssinia, has returned to the Cabinet as First Lord of the Admiralty. In his first speech at Cambridge he called the British Empire the strongest force in the world today for world peace. Professor Gilbert Murray, presiding at a League of Nations Union luncheon, at which the Emperor of Abyssinia was the guest of honour asserted that the one jarring note which Mussolini could not silence amid all the noisy jubiliation was the voice of the whole civilized world proclaiming its contempt for his braggadocio and detestation of his crime and cruelty.

The Queen Mary, the new giant super-Atlantic liner, after eleven hours in the fog on the third day, gave up hope of taking the blue riband on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic. Arriving in New York June 1st she crossed the Atlantic in one hour more than the record time held by the French liner "Normandie".

The coronation of H. M. King Edward VIII is to take place on May 12th next year.

League of Nations

An important meeting of the League of Nations Council is to be held in Geneva on June 26th and of the Assembly on June 30th. The problem is to discover how Italy may be restored to the Council of Nations without recognising her conquest of Abyssinia. The Negus of Abyssinia expects to present the case for his country in person, urging a continuance of sanctions and of help, especially to provide assistance to Western Abyssinia which is still unoccupied by Italians and under independent rule. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has attacked those groups such as the League of Nations Union which have urged the Government to continue or to intensify sanctions against Italy in order to preserve the independence of Abyssinia. This policy, he said, would be "Midsummer madness".

After a meeting between Mr. Eden, the British Foreign Minister, M. Blum, the French Socialist Premier and M. Delbos, the French Foreign Minister, it was announced that Britain and France had reached a complete agreement on the attitude to be adopted at the coming League meeting.

Mr. Eden said that while the Government was ready to take part in any action which might be collectively determined, it had decided for itself that there was no utility in continuing sanctions against Italy. He assured the House of Commons that the Government would bend its energies to "restoring the League to its full authority".

General Hertzog, Premier of South Africa, has recently said: "We have no right to be unfaithful to the League of Nations merely because we fear that others are going to be untrue to it. If other nations like Britain and France are unprepared to face the possible outcome of continuing sanctions, that does not affect South Africa. If the League failed through the failure of its members to honour obligations there would be a world war within twenty years."

Mr. Winston Churchill has become President of the British Section of the Commonwealth League, the programme of which is to reinforce the machinery of the League of Nations by the creation of an international police force that will make aggressive war impossible.

Russia

A new constitution approved by the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Party initiates sweeping reforms in the Soviet Dictatorship. The constitution provides for a President and a Parliament, composed of Upper and Lower Houses, all being elected democractically by direct secret vote. The peasants are to be given a vote equal to town workers. The Parliament is to consist of 200 Senators and 600 members of the Lower House. All restrictions on criticism of the Soviet regime have been abolished and all citizens over 18 years of age regardless of social origin have a vote. In addition to civil and proprietory rights work is recognised as an elementary right of every citizen. The Constitution is to be finally considered at the All Union Congress of Soviets to be held on November 25th. If this Constitution is passed it promises to be a most important move in the direction of democracy.

SKETCHES FROM THE LIFE OF NOMMENSEN

Translated from the Dutch by the Rev. R. L. Archer, Ph. D.

(Continued from May issue).

WHEN the villagers learned that the missionary was trying here and there to buy wood with which to build his own house their fury broke out again. Roaring and howling, they came to him and said, "We will murder you and burn your house to the ground."

"Then I will build another one," said Nommensen.

With unlimited patience he would listen to their clamour and whenever he could no longer hold them within bounds he would reach for his violin or accordion and give them some music, or he would show them how to use his compass or sun-glass (magnifying glass) or he would try to quiet them by telling them a story of some kind.

Surely an unshakable faith was required to hold out alone in the midst of a barbarous people whose chief delight and satisfaction consisted in opposing to the fullest extent of their ability this defenseless man. Had it not been that Nommensen firmly believed that God stood by him in everything he would certainly have been overcome in a sea of misery and disappointment.

The rice shed in which he lived by the permission of one of the village chiefs had to be cleaned out every day on account of the villagers continually disturbing it. Yet this did not discourage him.

Then he thought he would try to win the hearts of the people by starting a school for their children. He informed the parents of his plans and asked them to kindly send their children. However, when the morning arrived on which the school was to open, not a single child appeared. Thus, Nommensen saw that this plan also proved to be a failure.

The situation became still more untenable when he asked for a piece of ground on which to build his house. At first no one would give him a site, but finally they did offer him a piece of ground which was really unsuitable for building purposes. Elated over this success he sent his two young men to the forest to cut some trees from which planks might be sawed. But nothing came of this for the people began to stir up so much opposition that the boys thought it advisable to return home. As a last resort he purchased an old fallen down house which was no longer habitable because the people who had been living in it before had been much troubled with sickness, and in addition to this the house had been struck by lightning. This was his only way to get lumber and building material since nobody would sell him anything.

He had the old house pulled down as quickly as possible, but when he tried to have the lumber and bamboo poles carried to his own building site the Bataks forbade the young men to carry the material. When Nommensen protested against this and told his men to go ahead some of the rougher looking fellows came up and tried to throw his lumber into the river. This the missionary prevented by standing on top of it, but they called out, "Knock him down and throw him and the lumber all into the river." Fortunately his young men sprang in front of him thereby preventing him from being injured.

Thus Nommensen was annoyed and cheated every day, while his young men were insulted and beaten, and as a result many fights would have taken place had it not been that he always found a way to prevent them. In addition to this the men working on the building were continually interrupted by the villagers carrying their tools away and then requiring the missionary to pay a small sum of money to get them returned again. On this account the simple mission house cost more than it otherwise would have. In the midst of all this work Nommensen was kept busy extracting bullets and sewing up the wounds of those injured in the fighting which was being carried on in that neighbourhood.

Finally with great joy Nommensen was able to move into his house, but this satisfaction was to be short-lived. One day while he was visiting in a neighbouring village, as was his custom, two Bataks took advantage of his absence to cut the wires which were used to bind together the timbers in his house (as yet they had no nails in that country) hoping that when the evening winds began to blow the house would fall down.

But see what happened.

Returning from his journey and suspecting nothing he went into his house, but before he had time to sit down he heard the villagers calling to each other, "Watch out, an earthquake is coming!" At once Nommensen quickly ran out of the house and a moment later it fell with a thundering crash.

In view of this remarkable deliverance from probable death he did not allow himself to worry over the loss of the house which had cost him so much trouble and work. For it seemed that a voice whispered to him; "Fear not, for I am with you." Thus, God sent an earthquake to deliver his servant.

Such experiences show us the heavy and trying tasks which the missionary who works in a pagan land must perform. He must shut himself off almost completely from the rest of the world, give up all personal pleasures, always ready, in spite of the

deepest grief and disappointment, to give of himself without receiving anything in return. How unattractive is such life for us who are usually in search of honour and fortune in place of trying to assist those who for the Lord's sake have left father, mother, brothers and sisters; yes, frequently their own children have been left behind, in order to extend His kingdom in a pagan world. Indeed, our thoughts grip us at times when we think of that which has taken place in the interiors of Celebes, Borneo, New Guinea, Sumatra, and similar countries. Oh, there burns in those localities no censer of honour and unselfishness. Quietly the missionary goes his way, his step inaudible, and when he has completed the task which God has placed on his shoulders he is carried out quietly, and without ceremony laid to rest in some lonely spot.

So was it with Nommensen, who was laid away over there on the edge of Lake Toba. Who knows of his existence? Who has looked into his work? Who has discovered his last resting place?

Yes, such is the experience in the life of most missionaries and therein is contained a serious warning for those who desire to become missionaries. If one is looking for fame and distinction he is not likely to find it on the mission field working among the pagans and Mohammedans. To go out with such ambition will only produce a harvest of thistles and thorns.

To one who has such an ideal the world offers one hundred percent more chance of success than does the mission field. Therefore, let no one, under any circumstance, permit himself be led into such a task unless he realizes that it is God's will for him. To do otherwise would be to lead oneself into a great disappointment in addition to bringing a handicap to the work of the mission.

To be a missionary means that one must stand unmoved in the midst of unbelief, upheld by the power of God, and every morning with outstretched hands and a prayerful heart receive from on high the heavenly manna and give it out again in weakness, after which the harvest will be gathered in with rejoicing.

Even so, it appeared that in this last misfortune Nommensen had accomplished but little as a result of his love and patience, and as a consequence he was again compelled to establish himself in the old rice shed. However, he decided upon another plan of operations, since it seemed impossible to continue in this manner any longer.

Nommensen's plan was to call the chiefs together and show them the Residence Permit which had been issued to him by the Governor General in accordance with article 123 of the Government regulations of the Netherlands Indies Government (that is, a permit to reside in Netherlands East Indies).

Through the Singamangaraja (priest-king), the chiefs were invited to appear before Nommensen. He had his boys bring out a box on which he placed his biggest book; then with head erect and with the stamped Government permit in his left hand he was ready to receive them.

This was an unusual drama for those rulers accustomed to rule according to their own desires.

Was that the meek man of yesterday and the day before upon whom they could heap the worst insults without a complaint coming from his lips! This the man who always stood ready until late in the night to assist the sick and the dying in their last death struggle? Now he stands there with an ominous look in what were otherwise kind and sympathetic eyes, while his voice also has a commanding tone. "Do you all see this book?" he asked looking closely at each of them. "In it I shall write from now on the names of all who will not suffer me to dwell among them, and here is my authority from the Governor who has given me permission to live in Batakland, and therefore you Batak chiefs are obliged to assist me in getting a piece of ground on which I can build a house."

The speech accomplished its purpose, for when Nommensen with great earnestness asked, "Now, what will you do?" the chiefs were at once ready to grant him a piece of ground which they would, according to Batak custom, make legal by killing and eating a karabou. This latter proposal, however, Nommensen rejected, as past experience had taught him that whenever a chief failed to receive his proper share it would lead to all sorts of new complications.

From the various possible sites he chose the one located on the boundary line between two tribes and which was now and then flooded by the river and as a result was covered with a thick layer of sand. Here he started to build his house and at the same time he proceeded to throw up a wall of earth around the site in order to keep the water from breaking through in time of floods. Within this enclosure there was also sufficient area on which to build later a school and church.

Yet in spite of all their promises they put all sorts of hinderances in the way of Nommensen's workmen during his absence, so that finally he had them work at night instead of during the day time. Then he had them build the kitchen some twenty yards distant from the house so that if his house should be burnt down he might still have a place in which to live.

(To be continued.)

KUALA LUMPUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

By the Rev. S. M. Thevathason.

From the teacher's point of view, the Religious Education Conference was a great success. It is a truism, perhaps only known but not practised in life, that a teacher needs to get away from his or her engrossing tasks, in order to see the large issues involved, and in order to realise how great a responsibility is placed upon the common man or woman who is only known as a school teacher. One of the great needs of the teaching profession is a true conception of the dignity of the Teacher's Calling. It certainly did us teachers good to come in contact with more than a hundred teachers—not managers, nor principals—and to know that we belong to such a respectable community. If comparisons are not odious, one might wonder whether a more dignified gathering of Methodist people could be brought together under any other category.

Here are a few of my impressions—no attempt being made to analyse one's thoughts:

1. We enjoyed the fellowship of the Teacher, and especially of the Religious Teacher. Knowing how often we fail to see the wood for the trees, we realised, perhaps as never before, how much we needed to forget our class room limitations, and to think in large, comprehensive terms of the tremendousness of the responsibility we carried, and the unlimited possibilities for good which were with us all the time.

2. Then we forgot ourselves because we always kept before us our pupils—their needs, their possibilities, and their importance. More and deeper knowledge of child psychology—whether known by that name or not did not matter—must have been the experience of every teacher who attended the Conference. "Character deficiencies" and other topics of a similar nature arrested our attention.

3. In the midst of many discouraging circumstances, there was an element of unbounded hope for better success in the future. An intelligent pessimism is always to be preferred to unintelligent optimism, if it would not remain pessimism but become a means to a better realization of the present situation, which is absolutely necessary for progress. It was our feeling that we were not satisfied with what the Methodist Schools had accomplished in the matter of Religious Education but we were determined that the task must be faced with the knowledge, purpose and enthusiasm which the subject demanded. The religious note, the pedagogical interest, and the social contact which must have touched every teacher present at the Conference have made the Kuala Lumpur Conference worthwhile indeed.

A SCHOOL WORKER AT CONFERENCE

By Burr H. Baughman.

When we get embedded in the many tasks and duties of school life we are only too apt to forget, or neglect, the fact that we, as teachers in Christian mission schools, have continually before us a very large responsibility outside the mere teaching of the subject matter in a school curriculum. This

responsibility is the training of personality, or character—and that, as far as possible, along lines of Christian thought and ideals. The Religious Education Conference recently held at Kuala Lumpur, then, was valuable if only for the reason that it brought freshly and vividly this duty before the eyes of a number of teachers in our Methodist schools. They were brought face to face with the tremendous issue of character building which is in our hands. Even for those who have been striving steadily to fulfill this obligation of ours, the Conference was valuable in that it opened up for us new questions, new problems. We are all too prone to wear a little rut for ourselves and then dwell snugly there, content with our little successes, irritated by our little difficulties and failures, and blind to many of the larger implications of the work and world in which we live. In the Conference our eyes were opened to a larger, finer world, and to a greater task.

If the Conference had done nothing, though, but create fresh problems and difficulties for already burdened teachers, it would have been of very doubtful value to the delegates. That, however, was not the total result of the meetings. There were presented to us also new lines of approach to our problems, new methods of work and new materials for our use. Methods and equipment already in use were expertly evaluated and explained; and well trained, experienced school leaders brought forward and instructed delegates in the use of new materials which have

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166 Delegates from 13 Stations

TOTAL DELEGATIONS

Singapore	40
Malacca	8
Seremban	10
Kuala Lumpur	48
Klang	14
Tanjong Malim	1
Telok Anson	14
Sitiawan	4
Kampar	3
Ipoh	12
Taiping	3
Nebong Tebal	1
Penang	8
Grand Total	166

recently come out, or which they have specially developed for our schools.

Finally, those who attended this Conference were filled with fresh inspiration as they went back to their stations and tasks, back to their everyday round of toil; were filled with a renewed consecration to the work which has been given them. Fresh vision was imparted. New goals were sighted, and the paths to them charted. Yet most important of all, men and women were granted a renewed spiritual insight to carry on in the duties which are theirs. The work of Christ has been handed on to us as our responsibility; and in our meetings and planning the strength of Christ was given to us that we may fulfill our responsibility.

MY IMPRESSIONS

My impressions?

The attempt to record accurately one's impressions of the multifarious events of the Conference on Religious Education held in Kuala Lumpur in a limited space could be but general and incomplete.

Looking at the faces of the delegates as they went about attending meetings of the Conference, one feels that the spirit of the Great Teacher, must have been with the Conference. There were those young faces, eager to learn in order to be more worthy of their positions as teachers, and there were those prepared to share their knowledge and experience and to extend a helping hand to all.

One could see by the reports of the various committees the achievements of this Conference,

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ference the six memorials sent by the Malaya Conference were numbered among the first 25.

A wonderful entertainment course had been arranged for the delegates and visitors, including the Orpheus Male Chorus which has sung throughout the world, Dr. Glenn Frank, the internationally known President of the University of Wisconsin, and Senator G. F. Nye, famous for his investigation into the munitions industry.

A very high note was reached on the second day when Bishop Edwin H. Hughes read the quadrennial Episcopal Address which he had prepared on behalf of the Board of Bishops. This quadrennial address gives to the delegates the consensus of opinion of our great Board of Bishops concerning the lines along which our church ought to take leadership. Perhaps the highest point of the entire session was reached when Dr. F. R. Bayley made the motion that the General Conference adopt the Plan of Union, which when voted on by the other churches, would unite the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. Following the lead of our churches in England when they united under one name in 1932, our great church in America is now taking a positive step forward in the same direction, thus healing the wounds which were made during the conflict of the Civil War. After a very inspiring debate, in which outstanding leaders of the church took part, the vote was taken with 470 delegates voting for unification and only 83 opposed.

The most distinguished guest of the Conference was Dr. John R. Mott who in an inspiring address interpreted the place of the church in the present world situation. In his closing lines are these words, "I see Him apart. I see Him there, my friends, as never before, One other than all the rest, other than those sages and holy men of ancient Hinduism, other than Buddha and Mohammed, other than Moses and St. Paul, other than Kagawa and Gandhi. I say I see Him so other than all the rest: erect among the fallen, strong among the weak, believing among the faithless, clean among the defiled, living among the dead, alive for evermore; therefore, the fountain head of vitality and the generating source of all the profound changes".

On Sunday May 10 the new Methodist Hymnal was dedicated in the auditorium. Thirty-four choirs, making a total of 1100 voices, took part in the dedication and Dr. John W. Langdale, Book Editor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, gave the address. It must have been an inspiring service.

The Committee on Episcopacy recommended that 3 General Superintendents, one negro General Superintendent, and one missionary bishop be elected and the balloting began the morning of May 11. This is always an interesting part of the General Conference session. No nominations are permitted for the General Superintendency and it is only as a name or names gradually appear at the top of the list that a bishop is finally elected. You will be interested to note that our Bishop, who is eligible for the General Superintendency and whom our annual conference hoped would be given that honour, headed the list in the 6th and in the 7th ballot, lacked only 20 votes in election to the General Superintendency. Then due to shifting in voting on the part of various delegations which happens at every General Conference his vote decreased in ballots No. 8 & 9 when he graciously withdrew his name in order that the General Conference might find a man on whom they could agree. Alexandra P. Shaw, Wilbur E. Hammaker and Charles W. Flint were elected as General Superintendents. It is very interesting to note that President G. B. Oxnam of De Pauw University received 327 votes on the second ballot and then withdrew his name. In the 11th ballot he again received one vote and on the 13th was elected as General Superintendent; at the age of 44 he is the youngest man on our Board of Bishops.

Following the precedent started in 1928, when Bishop Lee was nominated as missionary bishop, nominations were received for the election of a missionary bishop to Africa. You will perhaps be surprised to hear that President Marsh of Boston University presented the name of Dr. R. L. Archer for missionary bishop to Africa, giving Dr. Archer a very fine tribute in his nomination. In the balloting that followed his name always stood third in the list while Dr. Springer, who had been missionary to Africa for 35 years, was elected on the third ballot. We are very happy that our Bishop and our ministerial delegate received such prominent notice at the General Conference and we congratulate them on the honour that was shown them. Had Bishop Lee been elected to the General Superintendency it would almost certainly have meant his being sent to another area, and although we are sorry he did not receive the honour we are very happy that he has been returned to our field as our Bishop.

Bishop Lee gave the devotional address on Saturday morning May 16, on the subject "The Peace Of Christ". His address reached a very high spiritual note as he pled for spiritual lighthouses to point the way in an age of discouragement and fog. Closing with these words, "Let us catch that peace and that poise which is more than that the world gives because it comes from Him who is the Prince of Peace", Bishop Lee led the Conference in prayer.

The Conference Course of Study and the training of the Methodist ministry received very prominent notice on Saturday May 16 when various leaders

of the church emphasized the need of the very best trained ministry possible. Dr. MacRossie, who has so consistently helped our Schools of Ministerial Training, stated in his address that the Methodist Church now demands the very best men for its pulpits.

Led by some of our Bishops and prominent laymen the appeal of the foreign mission work of the Methodist Church received a wonderful reception at the Conference. The suggestion of a one million unit fellowship, each unit representing $1, was received with great enthusiasm, Bishops, delegates and visitors alike, pledged themselves for one or more units as their means permitted, and thus sent out the challenge to the churches to support the work of the Mission Board throughout the world.

In one of the reports by the Committee on the State of the Church a paragraph was given concerning missionaries. "As missionaries by virtue of their vocation are intermediaries between races, nations and classes, we urge that they take full advantage of the opportunity thus afforded them for the creation of understanding and good will in these groups."

On Sunday afternoon May 17 at 3.30 the Conference met in official session for the consecration of the five Bishops-elect. This is always a wonderful experience and only those who have attended can realize the high spiritual levels that are reached as the senior bishops of the church consecrate their new brothers-elect.

Report No. 16 of the Committee on Episcopacy is of special interest to us because that report authorizes the formation of the Central Mission Conference of South-eastern Asia, which includes the Malaya Annual Conference, the Malaysia Chinese Mission Conference, the Sumatra Mission Conference and if and when organized the Sarawak (Borneo) Mission. This had been preceded by Report No. 15 in which the Central Conference of the Philippine Islands was authorized.

The Conference finally adjourned at 11 a.m. Tuesday May 19 with our senior Bishop John L. Nuelsen in the chair.

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and by the talks given and the papers read, with what thoroughness those participating in the programme prepared their contributions. The discussion periods and the committee meetings have shown how alive our teachers, whether young or old, are to the needs of their pupils.

One leaves the Conference impressed by the tremendous amount of work done and the cheerfulness of the delegates in going through the heavy programme. The humble spirit in which all went about their work was a revelation. There was something in the air. Perhaps, it was the realization of the greatness of the task confronting them in their work as teachers, whether in the school or in the awakening of our teachers of religion, the beginning of a new era in religious education.

It was good to have been there.

Thio Gek Choo.

IMPRESSIONS OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER

By Harold Robbins.

The Conference was of great value to all who were able to attend, day school teachers, church school workers and others. It was possibly most valuable to the first group, but persons interested in church school work could not fail to derive benefit from every one of the meetings, lectures and discussions. Those meetings devoted particularly to church school work were valuable in the extreme.

The devotional meetings, held each morning and the Sunday services were very helpful to the spiritual life. One might perhaps single out the sermon on the "Growth of Christian Personality" and the discussions which followed it as being especially profitable in this respect.

The committee meetings and the open discussions were most illuminating regarding other people's views, difficulties and experiences. The resulting light thrown on the position of church school work as a whole throughout Malaya makes one hope that in future years the church school census forms will be filled in more thoroughly and more accurately and a summary made for the use of the Conference. Such a summary could not fail to be of interest to all who are concerned with the present state and the future well-being of the church.

One feature of church school work which was given great prominence was the weakness of the link between the church and the school. The high percentage of scholars who leave the church school (and the church) when they leave day school, rightly gives cause for concern; the recommendations of the Sunday School committee and of the Conference generally, as to what practical steps can be taken to remedy this exodus will, we hope, be circulated and produce concrete results before the next Conference meets.

The essential object of a conference—the interchange of ideas between persons in varied circumstances and the utilising of information so gained—was carried out to the full, both during and outside of the official meetings of the Religious Education Conference of 1936, and all who attended can feel sincerely grateful to the organizers who made it possible.

OUR AMERICAN LETTER

W. T. C.

The eyes of world-wide Methodism are glued upon General Conference as I pen this letter. But you will have such vital news from that gathering as you are awaiting, long before my humble letter reaches you. A pen correspondent becomes ever more and more a receding figure before the other methods of communication. The latest demonstration of this was given us when the giant German air-liner "Hinderburg" with just over one hundred passengers and crew aboard, made the flight to America, and then returned to Germany in the unbelievably short time of two days and 28 minutes. The run from New York to Ireland consumed only 36½ hours! And she carried mail—lots of it. My poor little epistle will consume five or six weeks in reaching you. But I will let you into a secret: not even the offer of a free passage to Singapore would tempt me to make the trip by air. And meanwhile, The Malaysia Message can probably not afford to pay even air postage.

The Minutes of the Malaya Conference and of the Sumatra Mission Conference gave me a most pleasurable couple of hours. To one who has been in the thick of the fray, and who can envisage it now from a distance, the growth and expansion of the Kingdom of God in your area amply justifies wonder and gratitude. The steady advance of our Asiatic brethren and sisters to positions of responsibility, and the gratifying record of achievement they are making, gladdens the heart of veteran missionaries. It is the goal to which missionary work must tend, and our decrease, their increase, spells success. The wonderful way in which you continue to register achievement and expansion, when funds from the home base are so meager, makes us ashamed that we are unable to do more for you. The appeals to the churches here are pathetic in their plea, but bewildering in their needs. The vast army of unemployed, partly employed, underpaid Americans in our home churches is reflected in greatly reduced local budgets and cannot but unfavourably affect the work of foreign missions. You have wisely cut your coat to fit your cloth, and we are doing the same. But it would be heartening if some of the generosity and liberality of the old centenary days could come to our aid.

Maddest of all the follies with which this old world is afflicted is the present universal toying with War. Huge appropriations are being devoted to building the engines of war on the one hand, while enormous government debts are being accumulated on the other hand for sustaining our vast population of unemployed. Nobody seems to see the way out. It makes one feel almost sorry for the wee babes being born into such a world, for who can tell what its problems will be twenty, thirty years from now? As I go the rounds of my pastoral visitation, I find able men of skill chafing outside the closed doors of industry. I find youth—educated and ready for the coveted work and opportunity for which they have trained—chafing at the closed doors. How long, O Lord, how long?

Rubber. Amongst the souvenirs and speech-making illustrative material that I brought home from Malaya over twelve years ago, is a set of samples of rubber in sheets 6 x 5 inches, smoked sheet and various kinds of crepe. These samples were given me by the firm of Gatty & Bateman, and have been used repeatedly in making addresses on the country we are all so proud of. The interesting thing about these samples is the tenacity with which they retain their elasticity: one could pull with both hands in an attempt to tear that ribbed smoked sheet, but it expands and contracts with the same ease that it had thirteen winters ago, and its rich amber colour as one holds it up to the sunlight inspires admiration. If Jesus and the land and people of His day had known rubber as Malayans know it, it surely would have become immortalized amongst the parables of the land which He did know and preach in. The wheat field, the fig tree, and the tares provided Him with sermon material. Had rubber been there, He surely would have used it to emphasize tenacity of purpose, endurance, serviceability, profit, and even worry as well as wealth. It illustrates the way you have to stretch a dollar to make it do the work of two nowadays. Its transformation of thousands of acres of jungle into profit making estates aptly illustrates the transformed lives that our Malaysia Mission has produced in half a century of sowing and reaping. Who will be the first to preach on Rubber as symbolizing the Kingdom of God?

W. T. Cherry.

Eddystone, Pa., U.S.A., May 15, 1936.

ARAB RIOTS

The trouble in Palestine was summed up by Mr. Ormsby-Gore, new Colonial Secretary, as follows:

"The Arabs are afraid that the Jews will completely dominate the country, and they fear for the future of their own race and the land of their fathers.

The Jews are equally afraid that the great and really remarkable and constructive work that they have already done in Palestine will be cut short."

A MEDITATION FROM ECCLESIASTICUS

H. B. A.

In the Apocrypha is a little known Book very rich in value and remarkably similar to the Book of Proverbs in the Old Testament.

For our meditations this month we will confine ourselves to this mine, of wisdom, devotion and poetical expression, called Eccleciasticus.

Wisdom cometh from God:

"All wisdom cometh from the Lord,
And is with him for ever.

A homily on "fear":

"The fear of the Lord is glory, and exultation,
And gladness, and a crown of rejoicing.
The fear of the Lord shall delight the heart,
And shall give gladness, and joy, and length of days.
Whoso feareth the Lord, it shall go well with him at the last,
And in the day of his death he shall be blessed.
To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;.....
To fear the Lord is the fulness of wisdom,.....
The fear of the Lord is the crown of wisdom,
Making peace and perfect health to flourish."

Advice to Youth:

"My son, if thou comest to serve the Lord,
Prepare thy soul for temptation.
Set thy heart aright, and constantly endure,
And make not haste in time of calamity.
Cleave unto him and depart not.
That thou mayest be increased at thy latter end.
Accept whatsoever is brought upon thee,
And be longsuffering when thou passest into humiliation.
For gold is tried in the fire,
And acceptable men in the furnace of humiliation.
Put thy trust in him, and he will help thee:..... .....
Order thy ways aright, and set thy hope upon him."

Avoid pride:

"Exalt not thyself in the counsel of thy soul;
That thy soul be not torn in pieces as a bull:
Thou shalt eat up thy leaves, and destroy thy fruits,
And leave thyself as a dry tree."

Strive toward the good:

"Blessed is the man that hath not slipped with his mouth,
And is not pricked with sorrow for sins.
Blessed is he whose soul doth not condemn him,
And who is not fallen from his hope.....
My son, according as thou hast, do well unto thyself,
And bring offerings unto the Lord worthily.....
Do well unto thy friend before thou die;
And according to thy ability stretch out thy hand and give to him."

Some straight talk:

"Go not after thy lusts;
And refrain thyself from thine appetites.
If thou give fully to thy soul the desire of her desire,
She will make thee the laughing-stock of thine enemies."

A bit of homely wisdom:

"Never repeat what is told thee,
And thou shalt never fare the worse.
Whether it be of friend or foe, tell it not;
And unless it is a sin to thee, reveal it not.....
Hast thou a word? let it die with thee:
Be of good courage, it will not burst thee.
A fool will travail in pain with a word,
As a woman in labour with a child."

The insidiousness of sin:

"My son, hast thou sinned? add no more thereto;
And make supplication for thy former sins.
Flee from sin as from the face of a serpent;
For if thou draw night it will bite thee:
The teeth thereof are the teeth of a lion,
Slaying the souls of men.
All iniquity is as a two-edged sword;
Its stroke hath no healing."

An integrated Soul:

"Timber girt and bound into a building shall not be loosed with shaking:
So a heart established in due season on well advised counsel shall not be afraid.
A heart settled upon a thoughtful understanding
Is an an ornament of plaster on a polished wall.
Pales set on a high place will not stand against the wind:
So a fearful heart in the imagination of a fool will not stand against any fear."

The Golden Rule:

"Wrath and anger, these are abominations;
And a sinful man shall possess them.
He that taketh vengeance shall find vengeance from the Lord;
And he will surely make firm his sins.
Forgive thy neighbour the hurt that he hath done thee."
And then thy sins shall be pardoned when thou prayest."

A man's bulwarks:

"And make the counsel of thy heart to stand:
for there is none more faithful unto thee than it.
For a man's soul is sometime wont to bring him tidings,
More than seven watchmen that sit high on a watch-tower.
And above all this intreat the Most High,
That he may direct thy way in truth."

K. L. TAMIL EPWORTH LEAGUE

TAMIL CHURCH, JUNE, 1936

Two important services were held last month—the Birthday and Anniversary Service. The large number that responded to our invitation at these services and the innumerable compliments showered are no doubt standing evidence to our succes.

We are sorry to say that our keen and energetic 1st Vice-President Mr. Robert Supramaniam, who has been connected with our League for over five years, is now leaving us—we hope for a short time. We take this opportunity to thank him for his immense services and wish him all success at "Raffles".

The office of the 1st Vice-President is now ably filled by Miss Muriel Pavee, who has been our 3rd Vice-President. Her natural ability, the training she received and the experience she has gathered as President of the Wesley League, Singapore, qualify her "to this most honourable post".

We are glad to inform you that Mr. Dudley has consented to be our 3rd Vice-President, and it is yet a puzzle to many of us as to what caused Mr. Dudley, who had been a keen Leaguer for over 18 years, to disappear from our company these last three years. Anyway, we observe that his interest in the League is rekindled.

We wish them both success.

'The forty-seventh Anniversary of the Epworth League was observed by the Kuala Lumpur Tamil Epworth League with a Service of Worship for Young People held on Sunday, 17th May, 1936 at 6 p.m. in the Methodist Episcopal Tamil Church, Kuala Lumpur. The Cabinet Members were in charge of the Service, and there were more than 125 people present. The President of the Chapter, Mr. J. M. Pakianathan gave a very inspiring message on 'The Epworth League—and What It Stands For.' A quartette and a special number by the young ladies, which were well rendered added much to the inspiration of the service.'

ROBERT R. SUPRAMANIAM,
First-Vice President, K.L.T.E.L.

The Kuala Lumpur Tamil Epworth League held a social and musical evening on Saturday, 23rd May 1936 at the Methodist Boarding School. There were about 80 members and friends present. The programme which lasted two and a half hours included indoor games, a playlet and musical items. Our thanks are due to our enthusiastic fourth vice-president, Mr. E. A. Dutton and many other members who co-operated with him to make the evening an enjoyable one.

UNION EPWORTH LEAGUE, PARIT BUNTAR

On Sunday evening May 17, the Parit Buntar Epworth League celebrated the Forty-seventh Anniversary of the Epworth League by holding a special Devotional Service at the A. C. School Hall. A large number of Leaguers and friends were present. The Headmaster, Mr. T. K. Cheong, gave an account of the Epworth Leagues of Malaysia. He described in detail the small beginnings with which this Institution began, and how it grew rapidly until to-day the Epworth League is found in every corner of Malaysia. As Mr. T. K. Cheong had been a member of the League since 1914, he was able to give a vivid and interesting account of the growth of this young people's Institution. The next speaker, Mr. Khor Peng Kim gave a brief talk on the history of the Parit Buntar Epworth League. At this service Mr. V. Paranjothy, the new Tamil Pastor, and Mrs. Paranjothy were introduced to the Leaguers.

On Wednesday evening, May 20, Dr. Proebstel preached at the Devotional Service on the subject: "Christ's Authority in our Lives." A large number of the Leaguers and friends totalling 60 were present.

PARIT BUNTAR UNION EPWORTH LEAGUE

The latest innovation introduced by the league to enliven its activities was the organization of a Grand Musical Night. This was held in the A.C.S. Hall on the 4th June, 1936. Strong support lent by guests and members made the evening a huge success. Fourteen ladies graced the occasion and altogether a crowd of 76 was present to enjoy the programme.

Success was mainly due to Mr. T. K. Cheong, the Headmaster, who had the Hall fitted with four electric fans especially for the occasion, to the warm support and co-operation of all who participated in the programme, and also to the new President of the League, Mr. Yeong Ah Soo, who organized and led the whole programme.

Sweets were served and this was followed up by biscuits, ice-cream, and fruit in the interval. A flashlight photograph was taken before the happy gathering adjourned after singing the national anthem.

K. P. K.

Penang Union Epworth League

(1). Group Photograph taken on Empire Day. 24th June, 1936, at the Hillview Lawn. Retiring Cabinet Officers and Their Assistants for 1935—1936. Seated from Left to Right are:— Auditor, Treasurer, 4th Vice, 1st Vice, President, 2nd Vice, Secretary, 3rd Vice, and Asst. 3rd Vice. Standing from Left to Right are:— Sports Secretary, Organist, Asst. 4th Vice, Mrs. M. Dodsworth, Mrs. Loo Choo Kheam, Asst. 2nd Vice, Librarian and Asst. Hon. Secretary.

(2). The Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers for the ensuing year took place at the Manse, 136 Burmah Road, on Friday, 29th May, 1936. The Annual Report of the League was presented to the members of the League. A similar report was sent to each chapter of the Malaysia Epworth Leagues.

THE MEETING.

Mr. Loo Choo Kheam (President) was in the chair, and the Hon. Secretary Mr. Tan Teik Lim was called upon to read the minutes of the last Annual Business Meeting. There were about 100 members and friends present. After the termination of the Business Meeting, the Election of Officers for 1936—1937 took place. Messrs. Loo Choo Kheam and Tan Teik Lim retired and Rev. M. Dodsworth and Miss Elsa Youngdahl occupied the vacated seats and acted as temporary Chairman and Secretary. The voting was most keen and many active and exciting moments were seen. The elections for all the officers were made unanimous.

The following officers were elected to the following posts:—

1.	*President*	Mr. Loo Choo Kheam (re-elected)
2.	*1st Vice-P.*	Mr. Lim Poh Choon
3.	*2nd Vice-P.*	Mrs. Loo Choo Kheam
4.	*3rd Vice-P.*	Mr. Yeoh Keng Chong
5.	*4th Vice-P.*	Mr. Tan Teik Lim
6.	*Hon. Sec:*	Mr. Ooi Eng Chong
7.	*Hon. Treasurer*	Miss Yeoh Geok Luan (re-elected)
8.	*Hon. Auditor*	Mr. Khoo Eng Chuan
9.	*Organist*	Mrs. Oh Chin Siew
10.	*Ex-Officio*	Rev. M. Dodsworth

The Installation of the above officers was held at the Wesley Church on Sunday, 7th June, 1936, at 6 p.m. Rev. M. Dodsworth installed the officers and delivered a fine sermon.

K. L. Chinese Epworth League

A return visit was made to Seremban Union E. L. on Saturday 30th May. The Party arrived at about 4.30 p.m. and was entertained at a Social by the Home Leaguers, after which a Devotional Meeting was held at 6 p.m. The speaker was Mr. Too Hing Kei of the K. L. League. There was a large gathering of both Seremban and K. L. Leaguers.

The League celebrated its 3rd Anniversary with a Fancy Dress Social on June 6th and an Anniversary Service on June 12th. There was a large attendance at both the Meetings. Prizes were awarded to the following:—

Ladies: Miss Ng Sat Kim (Britannia)
Miss Wong Kim Thye (Malay Lady)
Men: Mr. Too Hing Kei (Chinese Farmer)
Mr. Tan Cheong Eng (Japanese Fencer)

At the Service a brief outline of the events which led to the founding of the World Epworth League was given and also a review of what the Chinese League has accomplished since its inception was related. Emphasis was laid on the importance of loyalty to the League.

THAT WE MAY BE CHRISTLIKE

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All his wonderful passion and purity.
Oh thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.

Let the calmness of Jesus be seen in me,
All his quietness, peace, and tranquility.
Oh thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine
Till the calmness of Jesus be seen in me.

Let the kindness of Jesus be seen in me,
All his tender compassion and sympathy.
Oh thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine
Till the kindness of Jesus be seen in me.

Let the Truth of the Master be seen in me,
All his great understanding and loyalty.
Oh thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine
Till the Truth of the Master be seen in me.

EMPIRE DAY AT THE ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL, IPOH

The programme for the celebration of Empire Day was in three sections.

At 8 a.m. the Primary Department under the charge of Mr. Aw Boon Jin assembled in the open air. The Flag was saluted, and after the singing of the National Anthem the school was dismissed.

Next, the Middle School, Standards II—VI met at the same time in the School Hall. After a hymn and the Lord's Prayer, Mr. E. N. Welch who was in charge called upon Wong Chin Duing to read Earl Beatty's Message. The National Anthem was sung and the boys marched back to their classes to be dismissed after the attendances had been marked.

The Upper School then met in the Hall at 8.40 a.m. under the Principal, Mr. P. B. Bell. A selection of gramophone music was played on the School's new radiogram, and after prayer by the Rev. Dr. M. Dodsworth, the Empire Day Message was read by Troop Leader S. Govindarajaloo, a senior boy of the school. The Principal then spoke on the significance of the occasion and proceeded to give a report of the School's activities during the previous year. He then called upon Mrs. Bell to present the medals to the first boys of the 1935 Junior and Senior Cambridge classes of the A.C.S. and A.C.C.S.

After the presentations, Mr. Bell acknowledged the School's gratitude to the donors of the new radio-gram. He read out a list of those generous gentlemen who had made donations. D/S/M F. G. H. Parry then called for three cheers for H. M. The King, after which the National Anthem was sung and the assembly dismissed.

All Scouters, Scouts, and Cubs assembled on the field at 7.45 a.m. and led by D/S/M Parry reaffirmed their Promises.

M B.S. KUALA LUMPUR

The Annual Concert of the Methodist Boys' School, Kuala Lumpur, was held June 4, 5, 6. The attendance was good, and many spoke highly of the finished production. Two plays were presented—"Sir Tommy's Pilgrimage" by Dorothy Marie Davis and "Robin Hood and the Pedler" by John Drinkwater, the former by Standard Six and the latter by the School Certificate Class, assisted by the Primary. Mrs. C. O. Jennings was in charge of the music and the Rev. & Mrs. Schurr directed the plays. The receipts more than paid off the debt on the school stage.

PERAK INTER A.C.S. GAMES

The Perak Inter A.C.S. games Tournament was held this year at Sitiawan. The Anglo-Chinese Schools of Telok Anson, Kampar, Ipoh and Ipoh Continuation, Parit Buntar and Sitiawan took part. The competitions were held at the school padang in Kampong Koh, and at the Sitiawan Club grounds at Simpang Ampat. Volley-ball, Badminton, Basket-ball, Hockey and Foot-ball matches were held, beginning Saturday morning May 30, when the preliminary matches were played.

Over a hundred boys had come by boat from Telok Anson, and by lorry or bus, from the other towns. They were quartered in the old A.C.S. building, teachers and others in the homes of Sitiawan teachers and students. Good natured raillery and rivalry kept the atmosphere gay, the visitors being agreeable and harmonious in spite of primitive accomodation.

On Saturday night a reception was held in the Methodist Girls' School Hall. Mr. Daniel Fang, M. A. Iowa U., president of the Chinese Club and the Chinese National School, gave a word of welcome on behalf of the community. After an impromptu programme of singing and hilariously greeted stunts, refreshments were served.

At 9.30 Sunday morning, a Sunday School Rally was held, each school taking part. First was a dramatic service of worship by the Sitiawan Young People's Sunday School in charge of Mr. D. P. Coole. Then a message from the Rev. C. E. Fang, pastor and district superintendent. The offering was taken for the Home Missionary Society. Songs by Kampar and Ipoh were well rendered. A word from each Sunday School represented was much appreciated. The meeting closed by singing "We come, We come like the Hosts of Old". Later a party of fifty sailed to Pangkor for a swim. A dinner was given for the visiting teachers that night. On Monday morning the semi-finals were played. Foot-ball—Ipoh vs. Ipoh Continuation; Badminton—Telok Anson vs. Kampar; Volley-ball—Ipoh Continuation vs. Ipoh; Hockey—Ipoh Continuation vs. Ipoh; Basket-ball—Ipoh Continuation vs. Ipoh. (In the blazing sun the latter contests took on the nature of endurance contests). Monday afternoon the finals were played. Telok Anson and Kampar played so well that their score was a tie. Ipoh beat Sitiawan in Badminton, and Volley-ball, Ipoh lost to Kampar in Hockey. Sitiawan won in Basket-ball over A.C.C.S. Ipoh. The boys were congratulated by a local sportsman on their keen playing and good sportsmanship.

Monday evening the crowds gathered at the A.C.S. padang where the Rev. D. P. Coole, Principal of Sitiawan A.C.S., made a short speech of appreciation and called on Towkay Too Jee Lim, donor of the shield for ten years' competition, to present the shield to the Ipoh captains. Mr. Aw Boon Jin presented the cup from Aw Brothers to be permanent possession of the winners who gained 5 points. Runners-up were Kampar and Sitiawan with 3 points each, Telok Anson won 1½ points.

Among those present were Mr. J. C. Staynes, D. O. Lumut, Mr. Daniel Fang, Mr. L. B. Jenkins, Telok Anson, Mr. P. B. Bell of Ipoh, Mr. T. K. Cheong of Parit Buntar, Mr. Yong Nyim Djim of Kampar, Mrs. Coole and Miss Dirksen, Dr. K. S. Lim and many others.

Credit is due to Mr. William Jesudason, Sports Secretary, and his assistants for the smooth co-ordination of the games. The boys departed that evening for their respective schools, except the T. A. boys who returned leisurely the next day. Next year's tournament is to be held at Kampar.

Dr. Dodsworth Laying Cornerstone Taiping Wesley Church

TAIPING ANNIVERSARY DINNER

A very successful dinner was held by the League on May 15th at the Lady Treacher Girls' School in celebration of the 47th anniversary of the Epworth League. Several emblems of The Khoo Cheng Hoe Shield and the League banner were displayed. There were about eighty present. The menu of eight courses was prepared and contributed by the Leaguers so that the Church Building Fund might be fully benefitted from the sale of tickets. Mr. D. G. Jayasekara the president of the Chapter presided and had on his right the Rev. M. Dodsworth, and on the left Mr. H. H. Paterson.

The Chairman in his speech gave a full account of the Epworth League since its formation in 1889 in America up to the present time, after which he proposed the toast "The Epworth League" which was pledged enthusiastically. Mr. H. Retchie the president of the Ipoh League and who was once president of this Chapter spoke briefly and congratulated Taiping on its activities. The chairman in a few words welcomed the guests to which Mr. Y. G. Shanta briefly replied.

The Rev. M. Dodsworth then presented an instructive address on, "The Prophecy of Youth." Before he spoke he congratulated the president and members of the League for winning the Khoo Cheng Hoe Shield, "The Taiping Epworthian" and for having established a lively Chapter in Taiping. Inche Mohd. Zen entertained the company with a Saxophone solo and so did Mr. C. M. Da Costa with two violin solo. The League quartet consisting of Messrs. G & A. Shanta and Misses C. & V. Partridge sang, "All to Jesus I Surrender." The president thanked all those who helped in various ways to make the function a success after which the company broke up with the singing of "God bless our Epworth League."

NEW CHURCH AT TAIPING

At an impressive service held on April 17th for a private gathering of Methodist people of Taiping the corner stone of the new Wesley Church building was laid by the Rev. M. Dodsworth, D.D., Superintendent of the Penang-Ipoh District. The building is expected to be completed by the end of June and the tentative date for the dedication the new church is July 12th. The corner stone is the gift of the Singapore Casket Company.

OUR BOYS & GIRLS

D.E.E.M.

THE DISCONTENTED SQUIRREL

Once upon a time there was a family of squirrels that lived in a nice warm hole in a tall tree. They would have been a very happy family if it had not been for one little squirrel that had a very bad temper. When they gathered together to have their supper he grabbed the biggest nuts and took more than his share. He pushed the others if there was no room, and bit and scratched them. At night he took the best place to sleep in the middle of the hole and crowded the little ones out on the edge where it was cold. Mother squirrel did all she could to correct him, but at last father squirrel said he could stand the quarrelling no longer, so one morning he told little squirrel to follow him.

They ran down the trunk of the tree and over the dry leaves: and on and on they went until they came to a part of the wood that the little squirrel had never seen. It was all new and strange to him. Finally they came to quite a large hole, and father squirrel said, very sternly, "Go into this hole and stay here till you can be a good little squirrel." Little squirrel crept into it and heard his father scrambling down the tree trunk and pattering off over the dry leaves, and he felt very lonely for a moment. Then he began looking around the hole; he found a soft bed of leaves and a good pile of nuts and he thought, "It will be fun to have the place all to myself and do just as I please."

So he tried to play some games, but he found he couldn't play all alone. He went back to the hole and began to think his home and brothers and sisters better than he had realized. Then it began to grow dark and there were no nice little brothers and sisters to cuddle up to him and keep warm against, and no good mother to say "Good-night" to him. The night seemed very long. The next morning when he woke up it was raining and he felt very, very far away from his home. He sat looking out of the hole and thought of the nice things his brothers and sisters were doing: how they were scampering about together; and he thought he would like very much to go home. All the day it grew worse and worse. That night he said to himself that if only his father would come and take him back he would be a good squirrel, and he cried himself to sleep.

The next morning, as he was sitting very still, he thought he heard a pattering on the leaves that sounded like his father. Yes, he heard feet scrambling up the tree trunk and then—his father popped into the hole! Looking at the little squirrel he asked "Can you be good now?" and the little squirrel was sure that he could. "Come home, then, with me," said the father.

They ran down the tree and over the dry leaves, and as they came to the part of the wood that the little squirrel knew, he was happier and happier. When they came to their hole, his mother kissed him and all the little brothers and sisters crowded about him and said how glad they were to have him at home again.

When supper time came they wanted to give him the best of everything, but he was careful to give the biggest nuts to his little sister; not to begin to eat till all the others had theirs; and to keep his elbows and knees tucked under him. When he cuddled down to sleep that night he was careful to give the little ones the best place and sleep on the outside himself. From that day on he was a great help to his mother and father, and never quarrelled with his brothers and sisters; and he found himself happier than ever before.

AMY CLOVES.

From "Seeking the Beautiful in God's World."

THE DISOBEDIENT DICKIE BIRD

Three little birds, Fluffy, Chirpie, and Dickie, lived in a beautiful nest hung high among the branches of an old oak tree. The father and mother birds were kept very busy every day gathering food for the hungry little mouths that always flew wide open whenever the parent birds came near.

Day by day they grew until they were large enough to take their first trip out of the nest. First, they hopped to the edge of the nest, then to the nearest branch, and as they grew stronger they would hop from twig to twig. At last the mother said, "Now, birdies, it is time for you to fly down and eat sand." Fluffy and Chirpie flew down and began eating sand, but Dickie said: "I can't fly; and don't like sand anyway." "Oh, but you must eat sand," said his mother; "birds have no teeth with which to grind their food, so we must eat sand that it may grind up the food that we eat, such as bugs, worms, and seeds. Come you must eat sand if you would become strong." But Dickie only cried the louder:" I can't fly, and I don't like sand!"

Then the mother went to him and pushed him out of the nest, and he spread his wings and flew to the ground. "Eat sand and grow strong," said Chirpie. "How do you know you don't like it if you don't taste it? But foolish Dickie only said: "I won't eat sand!"

Now, the mother bird had promised when they had grown strong they should go to the meadow. So one spring morning she told them they might go though she feared Dickie was not strong enough to go so far. They flew over the fence and through the orchard and by this time Chirpie and Fluffy were far ahead. Dickie was being left behind. He called loudly: "Wait! wait!" but they were already too far away to hear.

Soon all but Dickie reached the meadow.

"Why, where is Dickie?" exclaimed the mother.

"We left him sitting on the orchard wall," said Fluffy. "He was too tired to fly. He will not eat sand and the bugs make him sick. He is weak."

What a fine time they had. Mother showed them how to get the nicest bugs, worms, and seeds; and they bathed in the brook to their hearts' content. When they had eaten all they could and frolicked all they wished they looked and saw the great round sun going down in the west, and they knew that night was near. Then they flew back to the dear home tree, and there was Dickie under the tree eating sand!

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The Pastor Says

Though the church may not be as democratic as it should be, the best seat almost every church is reserved for your man—the pastor.

One way to beautify conversation is to scratch out its "I's."

—*John Andrew Holmes.*

He Used Gas Too

A salesman was eloquent about the merits of a certain vacuum cleaner, but the Yorkshire woman wasn't impressed. He suggested that he talk less and show her what the machine could do.

He took off his coat, fitted up the cleaner, thrust his arm into the chimney of the open fireplace and brought out a big handful of soot, which he scattered over the parlour carpet. He then shovelled some ashes from the grate and sprinkled them over the rug, adding a big handful of soil from the garden. Then he smiled and rubbed his hands.

"Now," he said, "I'll show you what this vacuum cleaner can do. You'll be surprised, madam. Where's the electric switch?"

"Switch?" echoed the surprised woman. "We use gas."

—*Christian Science Monitor.*

Would that Others were as Modest

A builder, when called upon for a few remarks, modestly observed that he was "more fitted for the scaffold than for the speakers' platform."—*Selected.*

As Others Hear Us

A prominent member of one of the Indiana Conferences preached one Sunday morning for a coloured congregation. After the sermon the pastor called on an old uncle to pray. He remembered the preacher of the hour. "Lawd, bless our brudder who has made a few feeble, skitterin' remarks to us this mahnin'!"

Can You Whistle It?

An itinerant musician was stranded in a village one Sunday morning, and as he was playing the cornet in the street he was approached by the clergyman of the parish, who said, "Do you know the fourth Commandment, my good man?"

"No," the man replied, "but if you'll just whistle it over, I'll do my best."

—*Pearson's.*

Birthday Celebration

The steamer was just leaving the pier when a man rushed up and shouted: "Hold on a minute, captain. There's a party of fifty coming aboard."

The steamer docked once again, and the individual strode up the gang-plank.

"Where's the rest of the party?" asked the Captain.

"I'm that party. I'm just fifty today."—*Selected.*

Columbus, Ohio
15th May, 1936.

Dear Mr. Amstutz,

I had a good time in Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan, except for a chill I caught in Kyoto which was followed by a fever for a few days. In Kyoto I attended the Japan Methodist Conference (70th session) where the late Bishop Akagawa introduced me and asked me to speak. At Kyoto I had to don Anglican robes and speak in the Cathedral.

I visited Honolulu—it's a lovely place. I landed at San Francisco on 10th April and went to Stanford University at Palo Alto. I visited the Oechslí's and Reinoehls at Los Angeles and Pasadena. Then I went to Grand Canyons and Denver where I called on Mrs. Ethell and the Scotts (Dr. Means' friends). I saw snow in the Denver Mountain Park, also Buffalo Bill's grave. Then I stayed in Chicago only for three days with the Kinghams, where I met R. L. Archer and Dr. and Mrs. McLaughlin.

Dr. Barclay requested me to go to N.E. Ohio and speak at meetings for 4 days before General Conference (26-29 April) to help continue Yap's support. I had an enjoyable time speaking at two District Conferences, 2 services, 3 rallies, 1 High School and 4 Leadership Training Schools. Old and young people followed me from one meeting to another to places 30 and 40 miles apart. I certainly had a thrilling time.

General Conference approved Union after one exciting and thrilling debate: 470 against 85 votes. We elected W. E. Hammaker (Ohio), C. W. Flint and G. Bromely Oxnam, General Superintendents, A. P. Shaw, Negro General Superintendent and J. M. Springer (Africa) Missionary Bishop for Africa.

They are going to adjourn on 19th and to-day they announced that they would pay our travelling expenses *in full*. We were surprised. Last week we heard we would be paid 40%, but money has been pouring in during the last few days.

I called on your cousins Mr. and Mrs. Baumann. In fact they came to Pasadena and took me to Long Beach and brought me back. They were very gracious.

I missed Mr. and Mrs. Darton in Pasadena. I am going to Terre Haute after General Conference. Then I am going to Akron, Cleveland, Detroit and Youngstown. So I will call on the Blossoms and Mrs. Amstutz, your mother.

Miss Harvey, Peter Lee, F. H. Sullivan, Gottschall and Oechslis are here. Peter is going to Garrett and Yale.

I am sailing on 11th June by the "Aquitana" from New York.

In Denver I attended the Annual Conference of the Presbyterians. Mrs. Scott took me there. Tell Dr. Means I could not go to Minneapolis. I am really sorry. Dr. Barclay has tied me down for a few days after the Conference. Please convey my regrets to Miss Rank.

I had a rare Christian experience in Shanghai when I met Mrs. Bosshardt whose husband was in the hands of Chinese bandits for 15 months at that time. It will be sometime before I write to them. Hope you, Mrs. Amstutz and Bruce are in the best of health. With kind regards to both, I am,

Yours sincerely,
V. D. KUPPUSAMY.

P.S. I have booked my return passage on the "Katori Maru" arriving in Singapore on 6th September.

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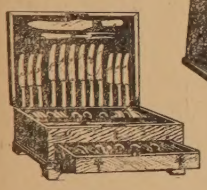

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